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MEDIA ADVISORY: Sen. Gregg to Dedicate New Weather Research Facility August 22: Will Support UNH GroundWinds Project

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WHAT: U.S. Senator Judd Gregg will preside over a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony, celebrating the opening of the Mount Washington Observatory's new research building at its Bartlett Research Facility. The open house will highlight infrastructure improvements supporting the University of New Hampshire's and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) research programs on Mount Washington.

WHEN: Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 9 a.m. Refreshments served at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Mount Washington Observatory's Bartlett Research Facility, located on Observatory Way, just off of U.S. Route 302 in Bartlett, N.H.

DETAILS: Speakers will include Paul Fitzgerald, observatory president; Allan Clark, observatory treasurer; Berrien Moore, III, director of UNH's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space; Dave Evans, NOAA assistant administrator; and U.S. Sen. Gregg.

The construction of a permanent research facility at its Bartlett site is the first phase of the observatory's master plan, culminating with the development of a new headquarters and visitor center in Pinkham Notch at the base of the Mt. Washington Auto Road. Sen. Gregg has been instrumental in securing NOAA funds for the development of this research site.

The new 1,800 square-foot building will provide a permanent home for the observatory's research department, as well as a working research laboratory. The facility will support ongoing research projects at the site, including GroundWinds, a joint project with UNH and Michigan Aerospace. GroundWinds is a technology demonstration project for a prototype satellite instrument that would provide global wind data for improved weather forecasting and other earth science applications.

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